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Applicant: YAMAGUCHI Takanari et al. Conf.:

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Washington, DC 20231

February 20, 2001

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Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Restriction/Election Requirement in the above-identified application.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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(Monday)

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated January 17, 2001, the following remarks are respectfully submitted connection with the above-identified application.

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REMARKS

The claims of the present application have been subjected to a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

Group I-- claims 1-5, directed to a method for producing a thermoplastic rubber composition; and

Group II-- claims 6-9, directed to extruding equipment for extruding the thermoplastic rubber composition.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants elect Group I, i.e. claims 1-5, without traverse.

The present application has also been subjected to an Election Requirement. In response to this Election Requirement,